

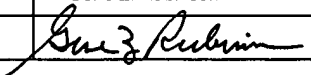
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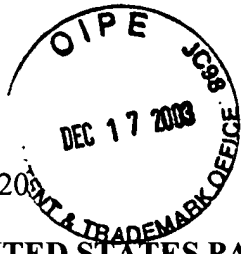
<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/810,420
	Filing Date	March 19, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Yasunori INOUE, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2815 ✓
	Examiner Name	Sheila V. Clark
	Attorney Docket Number	57810-020

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Serial No.: 09/810,420	:	Group Art Unit: 2815
Filed: March 19, 2001	:	Examiner: Sheila V. Clark
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	:	

**AMENDMENT**

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The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office

Action dated September 17, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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